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1. The small port of Rowy is located about 18 kilometers east of Ustka (Stolpmuende). The residents of this small locality consist of 12 fishermen and their families and a group of 14 WOP (Military Border Guard) guards, commanded by a lieutenant, who are attached to the WOP company stationed in Ustka. This part of the Polish coast is the least guarded. The several farms located in this area are unoccupied and the land lies fallow.
2. All of the fishermen in Rowy own their own small motorboats which they use to fish in Lake Gardy and, on occasions, in the Baltic coastal waters. In the latter case, the fishermen always go out in groups of at least five boats. Nine of the fishermen have been forced to join a kolkhoz called Jednosc (Unity) because of taxes and debts, and the other fishermen will probably be collectivized also, although they are resisting it strongly.
3. The canal which connects the Baltic with Lake Gardy is about 3.5 meters in depth except at the mouth where it is usually no more than 1.5 meters deep because of sediment. In 1954 the canal will be dredged to a depth between four and five meters and the bank, which is at present made of wood, will be reconstructed entirely of concrete. a naval unit will probably be sent to Rowy at a later date.
4. In 1952 all Polish ports, including the smallest ones, were inspected by a naval mission composed of Polish and Soviet officers. The mission inspected the condition of all canals, basins, quays, bridges, and other establishments.

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